

CONTACT REPORT

[CASTROF] and [DR. HERDER]
1230-1400, 7 September 1965
[Bruecke]

with

155 [UMNOV, Gleb]
155/AUGSBURG, Emil

and [DR. HERDER]

with [CASTROF]
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1. On 7 September [CATIDE's] [DR. HERDER] informed us that [CATIDE] is now finally completely disenchanted with both [Gleb UMNOV] aka [Oleg UMANSKI] and Dr. Emil AUGSBURG, alias Dr. ALBERTI. After a great deal of soul and file searching [CATIDE] apparently has come to the conclusion that most likely both men are at least untrustworthy if not actually under Soviet control. [CATIDE] has also come to the realization, however, that they will not be able to prove any suspicions they might have against either of the men and that as long as both of them are kept at arms length they will not be able to do any more damage than they have already done.

2. The real problem [CATIDE] is now facing is termination. It appears that under German labor laws a person can not be fired except for cause as long as he has been on the payroll for a period of ten years. At least the [Government] can not do so. Both AUGSBURG and [UMNOV] meet those requirements. They are also, apparently, fully aware of their position and have indicated that they will fight any attempt at separation. The inquiries made last year about [UMNOV] (ref) were apparently based on the hope that KUBARK traces and a possible EDC check would unearth some derogatory information on [UMNOV] which would give [CATIDE] a cause for dismissal. That was not the case. [CATIDE] now suggests that we place CALLIKAK on both men in the hope that it will reveal some illegal or at least unauthorized intelligence activity which may give them a cause for termination. They are convinced that both men maintain unauthorized contacts and that it is simply a matter of finding what contacts these are. They also intend to state to each of them again that they are forbidden to maintain contact with each other. Breaking of that injunction alone, might be cause for dismissal, depending on the nature of the contact following the reiterations of the prohibition. By the way [CATIDE] are now of the opinion that the reason for the negative EDC traces on [UMNOV] is most likely the fact that Subjects true name is neither [UMNOV] nor [UMANSKI], and that most likely both his dpob's are false.

3. Both subjects are well known throughout the Russian emigre circles in Europe and have a large number of supporters and friends in those circles. [CATIDE] would like to know whether [CALLIKAK] headquarters has a [linguist] who is in no way connected with the emigration, who could process [the tapes] [HERDER] admitted to us that [CATIDE] has no one who could be considered

unbiased in that respect. They were particularly interested in keeping the information of their current request from [DORBACH] whom [HERDER] considers hopelessly biased in favor of AUGSBURG. [HERDER] is convinced that if any emigrants were charged with the processing of the [tapes] the information would eventually leak back to the target personalities.

4. For Chief, EE: Do KUBARK files contain any information on either subject which might serve [CATIDE's] purposes. [HERDER] stated that their files are very meager and that it is entirely possible that derogatory information previously submitted to them might have been destroyed either deliberately by [UJDROWSY] or as a result of prejudice by the likes of [DORBACH]. He therefore requests that the criterion of previous availability to [CATIDE] be discontinued.

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We reminded [CASTRO] and [HERDER] that we had never received a reply to our March 1965 request for information on STAERKER and DEMICHEL. They promised to look in to it.

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